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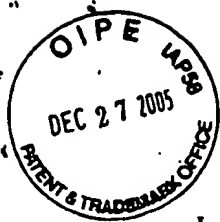
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The reply brief filed on December 27, 2005 and the related proceedings appendix page submitted on February 2, 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.41 enclosed please find a Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer of October 28, 2005.

The Examiner has withdrawn the final rejection of Claims 5, 7, 8 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,792,416 to Moulin and now relies solely on the final rejection of Claims 5, 7-11 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,540,450 to Hayashi et al.

The withdrawn Moulin '416 patent, which is in the electrical connector art, represents the precise problem of the prior art that the invention overcomes, namely, the possible wrinkling of the seal flange as explained in paragraphs in the Background of the Invention which is set forth from page 1, line 10 through page 3 line 28 of the patent application specification.

As stated in Appellant's Brief, the Hayashi '450 patent is more or less the same as the Moulin '416 patent that represents the precise problem of the prior art that the invention overcomes, namely, the possible wrinkling of the seal flange as explained in the Background of the Invention set forth from the patent application specification.

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